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Weekly Views

Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) Superintendent Mark Levenhagen congratulates facility staff for a big job well done. The WCC custody and re-entry staff combined their expertise and generated over 1300 offender moves in just three days. The unprecedented move was part of a facility/complex reorganization that increased the number of offender participants in the Therapeutic Community (TC). The TC has expanded to provide substance abuse programming to 640 offenders.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Executive Assistant Jack Binion who serves as the facility's recycling and composting program coordinator, reports that during the month of August the facility

collected 246,887 pounds of recyclable material contributing to a total of 843,605 pounds so far this year. These sustainability efforts have translated into recycling revenue of \$7,461.90. The program has also resulted in the creation of 59 offender jobs for the facility. Superintendent Keith Butts reports that the facility continues to identify strategies and opportunities to promote and expand its "greening" efforts.

It is never too early for the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) Fatherhood Program to be thinking about Christmas! Community Services Director Michele Lincoln presented a check for \$550 to the Parke/Vermillion County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) for their "Cops and Kids Christmas" event. The Fatherhood donation will help the FOP make the holidays a little brighter for 85 underprivileged youngsters! (See photo right of Vermillion County Sheriff's Detective Mike Phelps and WVCF Community Service Director Michele Lincoln)

American Legion Post 130, an offender organization from the Indiana State Prison, held a charity softball game in the facility's recreation yard. In attendance were eleven players from Lakeville, IN American Legion Post 363 and four other American Legion members from other American Legion Posts in the area. American Legion Post 130 donated \$550 to American Legion Post 363 which they will donate back into their community for items such as food baskets and school back packs. Each team won one game. Everyone that participated enjoyed the games.

In preparation of the commencement of the Rockville Correctional Facility's (RCF) Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program, members of RCF's staff attended the Indiana State University Volunteer Fair. They shared information concerning volunteer activities at the facility, including PLUS, parenting, education and chapel programs.

A seminar concerning Identity Theft Protection was held at the Rockville Correctional Facility. Michelle Mayer and Chris Wilson provided instructions and general information for staff members on identity theft. They presented a separate seminar for offenders, providing information about what to do after your identity has been stolen.



Putnamville Correctional Facility staff delivered 200 food items and made a monetary donation to the Putnam County Emergency Food Pantry. The delivery concluded a "Be a Life Saver" food drive sponsored by facility Promoting Positive Corrections Culture members. "Those less fortunate than we are will benefit from your generosity," Supt. Stan Knight told staff as he thanked them for their participation. (see photo left)

The first and second place teams of the recent Pendleton Correctional Facility offender softball tournament were treated to a Papa John's Pizza party. This opportunity was afforded in recognition of the outstanding responsibility and sportsmanship demonstrated by the offender participants during the course of the tournament.